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SUBJECT: NIGERIA: HOSTAGE-TAKING, SITREP # 14

REF: LAGOS 317 AND PREVIOUS

Classified By: Acting Pol/Econ Chief Shannon Ross
for reasons 1.4 (D/E).

Six Hostages Released;2 Amcits, 1 Brit Still Held Hostage

11. (C) Five other hostages were released this evening to foreign journalists, and are currently at Delta State Governor Ibori's Warri lodge. AmCits Russell Spell and Cody Oswalt, along with Briton John Hudspith have not been released. Shell has made arrangements for them to stay overnight at the Shell medical clinic in Warri and to transport all six of the released hostages to Lagos by a Shell plane tomorrow.

MEND List of Demands Extensive

12. (C) An unconfirmed list of demands from the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) was sent to Post via Academic Associates Peaceworks Director Judy Asuni. The various demands include: 1) the immediate release of Asari Dokubo, Diapreye Alamieyeseigha, Ebitimi Banigo, and Joshua Macalva, 2) resignation of Petroleum Resources Minister Edmund Daukoru and Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) Managing Director Funso Kupolokun, 3) disbandment of the Joint Task Force code named Operation Restore Hope, 4) rural development of the Niger Delta communities, and 5) greater participation of Ijaws in the oil and gas industry. The demands are much more extensive than those made previously.

MEND Threatens Attack on Oil Industry

13. (SBU) Meanwhile, through the international media, MEND released additional threats against the Nigerian oil industry and said they would concentrate its resources on a "huge crippling blow," and claimed they would strike "to ensure the total discontinuation of export of onshore crude oil."
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